Statement

Gap between Scheduled Tribes and General Population in Literacy levels and Health Indicators (Figures in percentage)

1. Literacy Rate

Year	Scheduled Tribes	All Population	Gap
1	2	3	3-2
199	29.6	522	22.6
1	47.1	64.8	17.7

2. Infant Mortality Rate

Year	Scheduled Tribes	General Category	Gap
1	2	3	2-1
1998-99	842	61.8	22.4
2005-06	63.9	55.7	82

3. Under Five Mortality Rate

Year	Scheduled Tribes	General Category	Gap
1	2	3	2-3
1998-99	126.6	82.6	44.0
2005-06	99.8	682	31.6

4. Ante-Natal Checkup

Year	Scheduled Tribes	General Category	Gap
1	2	3	3-2
1998-99	56.5	71.4	145
2005-06	703	84.7	142

Inclusion of Medara Community in ST List

707. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received representations from Medara Sangham of Andhra Pradesh, to recognize them as Scheduled Tribe community;

(b) if so, the details of their demand;

(c) whether any discussion has been held with the Andhra Pradesh Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the immediate *ad-hoc* measures to help Medaras?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) A Representation for inclusion of Medara/Medari community in the list of Scheduled Tribes of Andhra Pradesh has been received from Andhra Pradesh State Medara Sangam, Secunderabad.

(c) No discussion has been held with the Andhra Pradesh Government in this regard.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Child Abuse

708. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that child abuse in the country is on the rise;

(b) whether every fifth child is a victim of sexual abuse;

(c) whether Government proposes to bring forth a legislation to control this menace; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Yes. Child abuse is high in the country. However, the available NCRB data does not suggest any rising trend.

(c) and (d) The Government proposes to bring a law to control this menace.

Children Receiving Supplementary Nutrition

709. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children aged 0—6, as on date;

(b) the number of children officially receiving supplementary nutrition in ICDS centers;

(c) the total number of *Anganwadi* centers; and

(d) the number of *Anganwadi* centers providing supplementary nutrition to the children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) There are 1638.20 lakhs children (0—6 years) as per Office of the Registrar General & Census Commissioner. India (Census, 2001).

(b) 606.35 lakhs children (6 months to 6 years) have received supplementary nutrition under ICDS Scheme as on 30.6.2007.

(c) and (d) Out of 1052638 sanctioned anganwadi centers in the country, 863472 AWCs are operational as on 30.6.2007. Of these, 797155 anganwadi centers were providing supplementary nutrition as on 30.6.2007,